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1. In the provinces where the Agrarian Reform has been initiated, the Chamber of Labor and Confederterra (Communist-controlled agricultural organization) keep the peasants permanently mobilized.
2. Committees are almost daily organized for the purpose of visiting the Provincial authorities to request the immediate implementation of the Reform. Where the Reform has already been carried out, the committees protest and request a larger distribution of the land.
3. The laborers and sharecroppers who do not receive land are organized in permanent agitation groups. The central directors of Confederterra allegedly want to promote within that organization the creation of a category of workers who have not received land.
4. Tuscany and Lazio are the regions where the agitation of the peasants and the workers has become particularly exasperating. Italian Communist Party activists have taken advantage of the threshing time to hold meetings on the threshing floors. Since the proprietors were often forced to turn to the police for help, the agitation was quickly transformed into a strike.
5. Future agricultural agitation will assume a more violent aspect. The Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro (CGIL; Italian General Confederation of Labor) has ordered the struggle to become more aggressive because of the danger that many peasants, who have become small proprietors as a result of Agrarian Reform, do not intend to join the Confederterra. For this reason, the best syndical and political activists have been sent to the regions where the majority of farmhands live, such as in Lucania, Tuscany, Sardinia, Calabria and Sicily.

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